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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 101

Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 101—Relative to Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 101, as amended, Gaines. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would designate September 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
2 cancer in men aside from skin-cancer cancer, and is the second
3 leading cause of cancer death in men aside from lung cancer; and
4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that one
5 in-six seven men will develop prostate cancer in-his their lifetime
6 with an estimated-238,590 233,000 new cases of the disease in the
7 United States-predicted for during 2014,-which would result
8 resulting in an estimated-29,720 29,480 deaths; and
9 WHEREAS, In California, prostate cancer is the most common
10 cancer among men in most racial and ethnic groups-African
11 American men are 45 percent more likely to develop this disease
12 than non-Hispanic white men and 58 percent more likely than
13 Hispanic men; Incidence rates are about 60 percent higher in
14 African American men than in non-Hispanic white men; and

1 WHEREAS, In California, approximately ~~20,430~~ 22,080 men
2 are predicted to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2014, and,
3 of this number, approximately ~~3,085~~ 3,065 California men are
4 predicted to die of this disease; and

5 WHEREAS, The survival rate approaches 100 percent when
6 prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated ~~early~~ early, but drops to
7 28 percent when the disease spreads to other parts of the body;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Early stages of prostate cancer usually do not have
10 symptoms and genetic predisposition may be responsible for 5 to
11 10 percent of prostate cancer cases; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent studies suggest that a diet high in processed
13 meat or dairy foods may increase the risk of prostate cancer, while
14 obesity may contribute to an increased risk of more aggressive
15 forms of the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Obesity and smoking are associated with an
17 increased risk of dying from prostate cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that
19 all men be given sufficient information on both the benefits and
20 limitations of early detection and testing for prostate cancer to
21 allow each man to make a decision based on his personal values
22 and preferences; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates September
25 2014 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the State of
26 California and encourages public officials and citizens of California
27 to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs;
28 and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature joins communities across our
30 nation to increase awareness of the importance of each man making
31 an informed decision with his health care provider with regard to
32 early detection and testing for prostate cancer; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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